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TOWN OFFICERS.

Town Clerk.

CHARLES I. BOWKER.

Selectmen and Overseers of the Poor.

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR,

CHARLES T. MAXWELL,

GILMAN D. KELLEY.

Town Treasurer.

LEVI CLUFF.

Superintending School Committee.

ALFRED S. STOWELL.

Collector of Taxes,

WILLIAM G. CROWELL.

Auditors.

GEORGE C. GORDON,

JOSEPH WEBSTER,

JOHN F. SMITH.

Constable.

CLINTON EWINS,

SELECTMEN'S REPORT.

, Whole amount of Assets.

Taxes assessed for the year 1879 are as follows:

State tax,		\$1368 00
County tax,		1838 53
Town tax,		4700 00
School tax,		1197 00
Dog tax,		147 00
Non-resident highway tax,		126 66
Per cent allowed by law,		376 64
School House tax in Dist. No. 1,		30 95
“ “ 5,		546 44
“ “ 6,		20 61
“ “ 8,		62 62
Interest,		50 00
Cash in Treasury, March 1, 1879,		114 98
Railroad tax,		412 54
Savings Bank tax,		185 53
Literary fund		119 14

Extra taxes,	20 04
M. H. Taylor,	200 00
G. D. Kelley,	200 00
M. H. Taylor, use of hall,	41 00
William G. Crowell, tax list, '78,	2000 00
“ “ “ Dist. No. 5,	64 43
“ “ “ interest,	25 00
County of Rockingham,	548 28
W. H. Bryant, old plank,	2 20
School Dist. No. 3, one map,	5 00
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	\$14,402 64

EXPENDITURES.

Paid on account of schools.

District No. 1, Town appropriation,	225 36	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	56 75	\$323 36
2, Town appropriation,	53 24	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	13 85	108 34
3, Town appropriation,	46 46	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	12 16	99 87
4, Town appropriation,	116 04	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	29 55	186 84
5, Town appropriation,	90 67	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	23 05	154 97
6, Town appropriation,	318 33	
Railroad tax,	41 25	

Literary fund,	80 05	439 63
7, Town appropriation,	93 49	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	23 85	158 59
8, Town appropriation,	81 51	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	20 85	143 61
9, Town appropriation,	95 45	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	24 35	161 05
10, Town appropriation,	76 45	
Railroad tax,	41 25	
Literary fund,	19 85	137 55
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		\$1913 81

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF CONTINGENCIES.

Geo. C. Gordon, for insurance,	\$75 00
Temple & Farrington, blank books,	4 27
Exeter Gazette, printing town reports and notices,	56 00
H. B. Carter, " check lists,	8 50
William G. Crowell, for sale of non-resident taxes,	92 54
School District No. 5, balance School house tax, '78,	50 00
Joseph Webster, lumber for stage in town hall,	4 25
L. W. Chase, labor on stage,	75
Jemima Hall, payment on note,	30 00
D. F. Hall, repairing stove,	1 80
Moses Page, mason work and stock,	10 17
Walker Haigh, painting town hall,	15 00
M. H. Taylor, note and interest,	203 00
Gilman D. Kelley " "	203 00
School Dist. No. 5, special tax in part,	371 00
County tax,	1838 58

School Dist. No. 6, special tax,	20 00
J. H. Smith, labor in old Cemetery,	5 00
School Dist. No. 3, interest,	10 32
E. C. Eastman, printing,	5 50
V. B. Richardson, wood for town house,	2 38
Walker Haigh, repairs on town house,	10 00
State tax,	1368 00
Hannah Marsh, note and interest,	2066 11
Thomas Duston, surveying,	2 00
J. C. Ewins, watering trough,	3 00
School Dist. No. 2, interest on note,	15 00
Merrill & Crocker, printing tax bills,	7 50
School Dist. No. 5, insurance tax,	23 50
“ 1, school house tax,	30 00
G. D. Kelley, watering place,	3 00
J. W. Emerson “	3 00
School Dist. No. 5, balance school house tax,	129 00
Nelson Emerson, repairing hearse,	75
Wm. G. Crowell, discount on tax list '79,	446 41
Ebenezer Duston, note and interest,	630 00
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	\$7744 33

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

William W. Clark, gravel,	\$9 40
James H. Cullen, repairing road,	8 10
E. B. Hall, gravel,	10 85
Merrill Tilton, labor on bridge near J. W. Emerson,	3 75
James H. Foster, “ “	2 00
D. W. Jones, “ “	1 25
Henry Strong, “ “	4 40
James Maine, “ “	1 50
Jesse Ayer, “ “	7 50

C. J. Bowker, spikes for bridge near J. W. Emerson	1 47
Amos E Webster, work on road near L. B. Pattee,	13 50
L. B. Pattee, " "	13 00
Horace B. Silver, " "	51 00
John Webber, " "	3 50
James Ewins, " "	50
Daniel Tilton, " "	1 50
Orlow Austin, " "	3 30
George Larey, " "	5 00
Samuel Bowker, " "	14 40
Merrill Tilton, " "	7 00
Willard W. Merrill, " "	1 50
Clinton Ewins, " "	75
Amos E. Webster, " "	1 00
David Sloan, " "	2 00
Simon Kelley, " "	3 50
H. B. Silver, " "	46 50
T. B. Middleton, " "	3 50
W. G. Colby, " "	6 96
Joseph Burrill, work on bridge, " "	11 02
Thomas Welch, " road, " "	50
Sidney Welch, " " " "	50
C. E. Knight, on road near Middleton farm,	15 25
Herbert Haigh, " "	1 00
Cyrus Carver, " "	4 50
Stephen Ball, " "	3 50
C. I. Bowker, " "	1 00
R. F. Wheeler & Son, " their house,	5 25
Geo. P. Cross, " "	7 00
J. W. Wheeler, " Foster hill,	19 00
H. W. Hunt, gravel,	2 10
W. A. Kimball, on roads near T. Foster,	1 70
Henry Strong, " "	1 00
C. E. Abbott, " "	5 00

Merrill Tilton, on roads near T. Foster,	3 00
Geo. Larey, " "	5 50
Chas. T. Maxwell, " "	18 00
" " "	3 75
G. D. Kelley, " "	87 62
Alfred Page, " "	2 00
Daniel Merrill, bridge stringers near J. Webster's,	20 44
J. W. Wheeler, bridge and roads at Bryants corner,	85 50
Samuel Bowker, on road near C. E. Knight,	31 50
Peter Batchelder, " "	8 62
Herbert Haigh, " "	1 00
Daniel Tilton, " "	1 00
W. H. Clark, " "	8 60
T. C. Adams, " "	9 07
Wm. G. Crowell, lumber,	28 78
Thomas Duston, gravel,	1 50
John C. Ewins, damage to land near Bryants corner,	3 00
Albert Palmer, repairing water course,	2 25
J. C. Silver, labor on road,	5 65
Charles Head, plank near J. L. Reed's,	3 30
J. H. Taylor, plank and labor near R. Taylor,	6 89
" labor on road near O. Duston,	11 00
R. Taylor, plank near town farm,	6 55
G. D. Kelley, gravel,	99
J. P. Stackpole, labor on road,	2 75
D. M. Thom, gravel,	1 25
C. V. Butler, labor on road,	7 00
J. C. Ewins, land damages depot road,	9 25
H. Hunt, gravel and stones,	7 00
W. B. Kimball, " "	2 00
W. W. Merrill, " "	25 68
C. E. Knight, labor on road,	3 27

\$720 66

SNOW PATHS.

Hiram Woodbury, breaking roads,	\$5 31
Jesse Burgin, "	4 82
A. W. Joy, "	6 90
J. L. Brown, "	5 92
W. W. Clark, "	3 24
Silas Hall, "	4 50
J. P. Huse, "	4 50
N. H. Paul, "	2 50
Peter Batchelder, "	5 90
A. N. Joy, "	2 00
W. B. Kimball, "	8 00
Clinton Ewins, "	1 38
W. G. Colby, "	5 85
R. F. Wheeler, "	5 25
Geo. P. Cross, "	7 50
W. A. Kimball, "	6 25
C. V. Butler, "	6 00
T. C. Adams, "	7 68
J. C. Silver, "	2 12
R. Taylor, "	5 56
P. B. Emerson, "	4 63
J. Burgin, "	1 12
D. M. Thom, "	2 00
W. H. Hazeltine, "	5 32
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\$114 25	

PAID ON ACCOUNT OF TRANSIENT POOR.

J. F. Hall, supplies for F. Brooks,	\$6 50
C. I. Bowker, supplies for J. Conner,	1 75
G. C. Howard, med. and attendance for Goodwin child,	2 00
Mrs. Joseph Burrill, board of Goodwin child,	56 06
Charles T. Maxwell, supplies for E. A. Gilpatrick,	2 00
Ellen E. Larey, board for " "	4 00
Geo. C. Howard, med. and att. for J. W. Pattridge,	35 00
" " E. A. Gilpatrick,	15 00
" " O. Hildreth,	2 00
Alfred Page, wood for A. C. Babb,	2 50
V. B. Richardson, wood for A. C. Babb,	3 25
J. C. Carey, supplies " "	3 00
W. H. Bryant, wood " "	2 00
J. C. Carey, supplies " "	3 00
A. Page, wood " "	2 25
G. C. Howard, med. & att. " "	33 00
" " Goodwin child,	9 00
J. C. Carey, supplies for A. C. Babb,	2 50
Maria M. Cullen, for supplies,	78 00
Charles Kimball, 1-2 cord wood for A. C. Babb,	2 50
Silas Hall, house rent " "	9 90
L. W. Taylor & Co. goods del. H. Reynolds,	1 99
J. T. Douglass, coffin for " "	8 00
C. I. Bowker, goods del. F. Brooks,	9 60
L. W. Taylor & Co. goods del. H. Tilton,	11 00
G. C. Howard, att. on A. C. Babb,	6 00
" " Goodwin boy,	1 00
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	\$312 80

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

William R. Fritag,	\$2.50
John W. Wheeler,	85 00
Daniel B. Webster,	3 96
Rollins B. Webster,	1 67
Centre M. E. Society,	2 25
D. D. Wheeler,	1 98
Duston & Lancaster,	3 34
J. P. Foster,	2 40
Coburn & Gordon,	7 18
Charles Day,	5 00
N. H. Paul,	11 00
F. A. Goodhue,	2 00
G. A. Goodhue,	2 60
Mary Hastings,	18 04
Wm. G. Crowell, list of 1878,	57 02
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	\$205 94

TOWN OFFICERS.

M. H. Taylor, services as Selectman in full,	\$81 00
Charles T. Maxwell, " "	65 00
Gilman D. Kelley, " "	43 00
Levi Cluff, services as Treasurer in full,	35 00
Wm. G. Crowell, services as Collector, bal.	175 00
Joshua Conant, services as Supt. at alms house, bal- ance for 1878,	50 00

Joshua Conant, services as Supt. at alms house, in part 1879,	250 00.
B. E. Chase, services as Moderator,	2 00
A. S. Stowell, services as committee in full,	72 00
D. M. Thom, exp. and services as agent in full,	77 20
C. I. Bowker, services as Town Clerk, “	50 00
Joseph Webster, “ Auditor, '79 & '80 in full,	4 00
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	\$904 20

BOUNTIES.

J. W. Kelley, on two hawks,	\$ 40
Alvah Watson, one “	20
Fred Stiner, “	20
Edwin A. Gage, four “	80
Frank Adams, two “	40
L. B. Pattee, one “	20
Milton S. Kelley, ten “	2 00
Fred Dodge, five “	1 00
John Q. A. Kelley, two foxes,	1 00
Geo. P. Cross, one hawk,	20
J. Littlejohn, “	20
O. G. Woodbury, “	20
Harvey Foster, “	20
Geo. Ewins, two hawks,	40
W. W. Clark, one “	20
M. H. Taylor, six “	1 20
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	\$8 80

RECAPITULATION.

Whole amount of assets,		\$14,402 64
Paid on account of Schools,	\$1913 81	
Contingencies,	7744 33	
Roads and Bridges,	720 66	
Snow Paths,	114 25	
Transient Poor,	312 80	
Abatement of Taxes,	205 94	
Town Officers,	904 20	
Bounties,	8 80	
Bal. of uncollected taxes for 1879, and		
interest,	2209 23	
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	268 62	
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		\$14,402 64

OUTSTANDING NOTES AGAINST THE TOWN.

Eliphalet Coburn, note and interest to Mar. 1, 1880,	\$14218	75
Charlotte A. Duston,	"	" 2187 49
Ebenezer Duston,	"	" 2187 49
Charlotte A. Duston,	"	" 437 50
Enoch Taylor,	"	" 1421 88
School Dist No. 2,	"	" 210 77
" 3,	"	" 140 17
" 10,	"	" 213 53
Samuel T. Newell,	"	" 1640 62
Elizabeth M. Newell,	"	" 546 87
" "	"	" 1093 74
Florence A. Mirick,	"	" 1093 74
Jemima Hall,	"	" 478 90
Rebecca Hall,	"	" 437 50
Daniel Merrill,	"	" 585 16
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		\$26,894 11

DUE THE TOWN.

Wm. G. Crowell, Collector taxes, 1879,	\$2209	23
Balance in Treasurer's hands,	268	62
County of Rockingham,	63	00
Due on account of land bought for taxes,	284	46
Interest on same,	48	62
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	\$2873	93

Leaving a balance against the town of \$24,020 18

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR,	} Selectmen of Salem, N. H.
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,	
GILMAN D. KELLEY,	

TREASURER'S REPORT.

DR.

March 1, 1879, Cash on hand,	\$114 98	
Wm. H. Bryant, for plank, 2	20	
M. H. Taylor,	200 00	
Gilman D. Kelley,	200 00	
County of Rockingham,	548 28	
State Treasurer, Rail-		
road tax,	412 54	
State Treasurer, Savings		
Bank tax,	185 53	
State Treasurer, Literary		
Fund,	119 14	
M. H. Taylor, for use of		
town hall,	41 00	
School Dist. No. 3, for		
one map,	5 00	
Wm. G. Crowell, collector		
of taxes, 1878,	2014 37	
Wm. G. Crowell, collector		
1879,	7828 90	
	<hr/>	\$11671 94

CR.

Paid orders of Selectmen,	11403 32	
March 1, 1880, cash on hand,	268 62	
	<hr/>	\$11671 94

LEVI CLUFF, *Town Treasurer,*

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF ALMSHOUSE

DR.

To cash on hand,	\$26 44
received for milk,	559 50
for pork,	23 87
eggs,	23 68
potatoes,	17 50
calves,	16 25
beans,	2 00
labor,	8 00
wood,	6 00
balance due supt.,	2 22
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	\$685 46

CR.

By cash paid for grain,	33 18
groceries,	38 42
meat,	55 61
blacksmithing,	15 92
dry goods,	15 40
boots and shoes,	9 85
tobacco,	9 90
soap,	7 45
fish,	3 85
repairing wheels,	4 30
medicine,	50
groceries and dry goods,	105 45
H. K. Webster & Co. flour	
and grain,	196 06
L. B. Emerson, hay,	28 25
J. F. Hall, shorts,	4 38
C. I. Bowker, groceries,	138 94
labor,	18 00
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	\$685 46

PERSONAL PROPERTY AT ALMSHOUSE.

6½ tons English hay \$104.00, meadow hay 10.00, rye straw, 10.00, 6 bush. rye 6.00, 13 bush. corn 9.75, 6 bush. beans 10.50, 1 bag meal 1.25, 1 horse 100.00, 9 cows 290.00, 1 calf 12.00, 1 set blocks 2.50, 1 blanket .50, 1 robe 5.00, 12 bags 2.50, 1 wagon 10.00, 1 sleigh and pung 15.00, 2 harnesses 16.00, 1 draft harness 4.75, 5 hay forks 1.50, 3 shovels 1.50, 3 manure forks 3.00, 3 crow bars 3.00, 4 wood saws 2.00, 2 handsaws 1.00, 10 chains 6.00, 1 manure hook and flail 1.00, 3 rakes .50, 3 hoes 1.00, 1 set measures .50, 1 bell .50, 4 cords wood 8.00, 25 cords prepared wood 100.00, 3 fat hogs 52.50, 3 shoats 18.00, 150 lbs. shorts 1.50, 35 fowls 18.50, whiffle trees and chains 2.00, stone hammer 1.00, 4 wedges 1.00, 1 mowing machine 50.00, 1 harrow 2.00, 1 cultivator 2.50, scythes and snaths 3.00, 1 grindstone 2.50, 1 drag 1.00, 1 bush scythe and snath 1.60, 3 plows 20.00, brush and currycomb 1.00, 1 wrench .75, 1 horserake 1.00, 2 ox yokes 1.00, wheelbarrow 4.00, 2 brass kettles 3.00, fetters and halters 2.00, 1 tub .50, 100 lbs. pork 9.00, pork barrels 1.00, cider and casks 12.00, oilcan 1.00, ladders 5.00, 80 bush potatoes 48.00, turnips 1.00, soap and barrel .75, 1 garden rake .75, 5 baskets .80, 2 washboards .50, flour 5.00 15 lbs. butter, 3.50, sugar 1.00, tea .75, churns and pails 5.00, cheese press 1.00, butter box 1.00, tray and bowl 1.00, tin ware 12.00, 2 lanterns 2.00, stone jars 2.00, flat irons 2.00, lamps and candle sticks 1.50, steel yards .50, mortar .50, 14 feather beds 30.00, quilts and comforters 25.00, 28 pillows 8.00, 42 pillowcases 4.00, 8 bolsters 2.00, wearing apparel 40.00, 17 pairs sheets 7.00, chairs and tables 10.00, 36 towels 2.50, 9 bedsteads 9.00, 1 apple parer .50, 9 straw beds 4.00, 2 clocks and mirrors 2.50, trunks, chests and drawers 7.00, 6 jugs 1.00, crockery ware, 5.00, warming and bed pans 2.00, 7 axes 2.00, 1 cranberry rake 1.00, 30 flour barrels, 3.00, 1 cross-cut saw 1.00, 5 milk cans 3.00, augurs 1.75, clothes-wringer 2.00, 2 broad axes 1.00, lot of carpenter's tools 6.00, hammer and stone tools 2.00, old iron 1.00, 3 brooms .50, 1 side

board 2.00, 2 iron kettles 1.00, stoves and funnel 20.00, clothes line 1.00, whitewash brush 1.00, rubber cushion 2.00, clothes-basket .50, tub 2.00, pair blankets 3.00, oak plank 1.00, 2 picks, 1.50, horse sled 20.00, farm wagon 15.00, cart body 10.00 vinegar 5.00, corn cutter 1.00. Total \$1317.90.

APPRAISAL OF PROPERTY OWNED BY THE TOWN.

Town Farm, valued at	\$4500 00
Woodland	100 00
Town House	1000 00
Personal property at Almshouse	1317 90
Town safe	200 00
Town hearses	300 00
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	\$7417 90

SCHOOL HOUSE TAXES.

SCHOOL DIST. No. 1.

Whole amount assessed		\$30 95
Collection and abatements	95	
Paid the District	30 00	— 30 95

SCHOOL DIST. No. 5.

Balance due the District for 1878,		50 36
Amount assessed for 1879		546 44
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Collection and abatements	23 30	
Paid the District	573 50	— 596 80

SCHOOL DIST. No. 6.

Amount assessed		20 61
Collection and abatements	61	
Paid the District	20 00	— 20 61

SCHOOL DIST. No. 8.

Amount assessed		62 62
Collection and abatements	2 62	
Paid the District	60 00	— 62 62

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR	}	Selectmen of Salem, N. H.
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,		
GILMAN D. KELLEY,		

PINE GROVE CEMETERY.

CR.

Cash rec'd of former board	32 60		
Cash received for sale of lots	29 50	—	62 10

DR.

Paid Nelson Emerson for labor	30 00		
Cash on hand	32 10	—	62 10

MATTHEW H. TAYLOR,	}	Committee.
CHARLES T. MAXWELL,		
GILMAN D. KELLEY,		

COLLECTOR'S REPORT.

CR.

1878. Bal. due on list for 1878,	2000 00	
Interest,	25 00	
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DR.

1878, Cash paid Treas.,	1949 94	
Abatements,	75 06	
	<hr/>	2025 00

CR.

1879, For tax list, year 1879,	10434 54	
Interest,	50 00	
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DR.

1879, Cash,	7653 90	
Discount on taxes,	446 40	
Collecting,	175 00	
Balance uncollected,	2209 24	
	<hr/>	10484 54

SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

DISTRICT No. 5.

CR. Balance due on 1878,	52 68	
DR. Cash,	52 68	
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WM. G. CROWELL, *Collector.*

Feb. 28, 1880.

REPORT

OF THE

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE.

In presenting this annual report your committee begs leave to preface a few general remarks.

SCHOOL MONEY.

Great inconvenience has been caused by the fact that the amount of the railroad tax and literary fund available for school purposes, is not reported to the selectmen until the month of December. Some of the schools close for the year before that time, and the prudential committees being unable to ascertain the full amount of school money, sometimes overrun it to the loss of the teachers, or close earlier than necessary if the required knowledge were at hand.

If the town by vote would instruct the selectmen to apportion these funds early in the year on the basis of the preceding year, this inconvenience would be avoided.

STUDIES.

The elementary studies required by law have been very generally taken up in the schools of the town. A surprising prejudice has, however, been discovered in some districts against such studies as geography and grammar. This prejudice is invariably injurious to the scholars. Where grammar is taken up composition writing is greatly neglected. One half of the schools report no exercise of this nature, although the attention of the teachers has been called to its importance. History is also greatly neglected. Notice is called to the table connected with this report showing the relative attention paid to the different branches.

METHODS OF INSTRUCTION.

Pupils should be taught self-reliance in recitations. If teachers assist them to answer, they will rely on such help afterwards. The following is a sample of a method of instruction that has been noticed. The teacher asks, "What is the capital of Massachusetts?" The pupil hesitates, when the teacher says, "Bos—." The pupil immediately answers, "Boston." It was noticed that nearly all the scholars subject to such instruction required such assistance continually. In other schools if the pupil did not answer promptly, the question was passed immediately to the next. This method secured promptness, self-reliance and accuracy. The topical method of recitation which requires each scholar to take up the main facts connected with a given subject without questions, is to be commended as securing thoroughness and self-reliance. Miss E. M. Pattee, at No. 6, has been most successful in employing this method. The method of explaining examples in arithmetic in the same school is to be commended for the same reasons. The teacher required each pupil to state the rule, and to trace carefully the operation in accordance with it. Very few have any

method in teaching reading. The practice of Mr. S. P. Gage, at No. 7, was very satisfactory. A short lesson was assigned, and special attention was paid to emphasis and inflection with the best results.

It requires special tact to interest small scholars in their studies. Miss J. E. Stevens, at No. 6, Primary, was very successful in this. The interest of this class of pupils at Nos. 4, and 10, was creditable to their teachers, and insured rapid progress.

Teaching is one of the fine arts. It differs essentially from *keeping* school and *hearing* recitations. Those are most successful in it who consider it worth careful attention and faithful study.

METHODS OF DISCIPLINE.

Good discipline is essential to progress in studies, for that reason it is very important. Force within reasonable limits is approved as a means of securing the obedience of refractory pupils. The practicability of offering prizes to secure obedience is questionable, though this method is employed by some with fair success. The best results have been attained where but little if any force has been employed, and no rewards for deportment offered. Reasonable requirements, and decision in enforcing them, secure the respect of scholars without forfeiting their good-will, and insure obedience.

ATTENDANCE.

Great injury results to scholars from frequent absences from school. They get behind their classes, are often discouraged, and frequently leave school at an early age. Parents can best remedy this difficulty, and should allow their children to remain away only when it is absolutely necessary. In some cases the attendance has suffered from excessively long terms. Shorter terms, by being less wearisome, are more profitable.

The following pupils have not been absent or tardy for the entire school year.

ROLL OF HONOR.

No. 1, Grace M. Foster ; No. 2, Bertha W. Emerson, Eliza A. Merrill, Lennie M. Merrill ; No. 3, Hattie J. Pike, Jennie E. G. Tibbetts, Charles A. Pinkham ; No. 5, John D. Woodbury ; No. 6, Elfie Parrish ; No. 9, Susie A. Page ; No. 10, Annie M. Chase, Mattie S. Hastings, Eva M. Hunt, Hattie M. Plummer, Mattie L. Plummer, Charles S. Plummer.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Miss Ella A. White taught the Summer and Fall terms, which passed quite profitably.

Mr. Henry O. Hill commenced the Winter term. He gave promise of being an able instructor, and did his best to control the school, but failed. The school was found to be so unprofitable that it was closed at the end of seven weeks. Your Committee has the greatest respect for Mr. Hill, and appreciated his efforts, and greatly regretted the necessity of that step.

Rev. Rufus Emerson was employed to finish the term, and immediately effected a decided change. He secured excellent discipline, and the remainder of the term will doubtless prove profitable. It is still in session.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Miss Carrie V. Whitney taught the entire school year with good success.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Miss Emma F. Goodhue taught both terms, making three years of consecutive and very profitable service in this school.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Miss Hattie E. Noyes taught the Spring term and gave excellent satisfaction.

Mr. Frank D. Peaslee taught the second term and, effected surprising results. He ranks with our best teachers as an instructor and disciplinarian. The last of the term was thinly attended owing to its length.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

The entire school year has been pleasant and prosperous under the direction of Miss S. Lucy Proctor. The discipline has been good. A little more attention to thoroughness would, however, have been an improvement.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

The Grammar school has continued under the able instruction of Miss Ella M. Pattee, and has made excellent progress. Compositions written by members of the Grammar classes were exhibited at the examination, which were creditable to their authors.

Miss Etta M. George taught five weeks of the Summer term of the Primary school and then resigned on account of ill-health. Miss Ellen L. Kimball consented to finish the term.

Miss George died soon after leaving town of Consumption. For two years she had taught in town with

great success, winning the love and esteem of her pupils and many friends.

Miss J. Emma Stevens taught the remaining terms. She has proved herself in every respect a competent teacher, and a valuable acquisition to the school.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

Miss M. Emma Pratt taught the first term with very good success considering that this was her first school.

Mr. Sydney P. Gage taught the Winter term. His methods of teaching are excellent, and produce the best results.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

Mrs. Senie S. Mason taught the Summer term, and Miss Nettie R. Jones the Winter term. Good work has been done throughout the year.

DISTRICT NO. 9.

Mr. F. W. Stickney taught the entire year. This was his first experience as a teacher, hence some mistakes might be expected. He labored conscientiously and faithfully. A paper read at the last examination was highly creditable to the scholars who contributed to it.

DISTRICT NO. 10.

Miss Laura J. Goodhue taught both terms with decided success. She, and her sister at No. 3, have made very profitable use of the map of New Hampshire.

One teacher and four interesting scholars have died during the year, and some of the schools have suffered from an unusual amount of sickness.

Your Committee would express his gratitude for the uniform courtesy with which he has been treated by all with whom he has had dealings in the discharge of his duties.

Respectfully submitted,

ALFRED S. STOWELL,

Superintending School Committee.

STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Terms.														
		No. studying Reading.	No. studying Spelling.	No. studying Penmanship.	No. studying Arithmetic.	No. studying Geography.	No. studying Grammar.	No. studying History.	No. studying Composition.	No. studying Drawing.	No. studying Vocal Music.	No. studying Physiology.	No. studying Philosophy.	No. studying Rhetoric.	
No. 1.	Summer.	49	49	29	39	31	15	7	10						
	Fall.	51	51	30	38	25	20	7	9						
	Winter.	45	45	36	40	25	23	7							
No. 2.	Summer.	10	10	4	7	3	3						2		
	Fall.	8	8	6	6	4	3						2		
	Winter.	6	6	6	6	4	3						2		
No. 3.	Summer.	20	20	20	19	15	4	2							
	Fall.	23	23	21	22	18	8	4							
No. 4.	Summer.	25	25	19	21	6	6	3	6	5		2			
	Winter.	25	25	17	21	7	6	3							
No. 5.	Summer.	18	18	12	15	12	3								
	Winter.	19	19	14	16	12	1								
No. 6.															
Grammar.	Summer.	25	25	21	25	20	19	3	19		25	1			
	Fall.	23	23	21	23	21	13	1	13		23	1	1	1	
	Winter.	27	27	24	27	25	13		13		27	1	2	1	
Primary.	Summer.	43	35	10	13	11									
	Fall.	40	33	25	20	9									
	Winter.	35	35	26	31	11				10					
No. 7.	Summer.	12	12	10	11	8	2								
	Winter.	15	15	15	15	12	3				15				
No. 8.	Summer.	14	14	12	12	7	3								
	Winter.	16	16	14	14	8	4								
No. 9.	Summer.	11	11	11	11	10	4								
	Winter.	12	12	12	12	9	6	2	8						
No. 10.	Summer.	25	25	10	18	5	8	2							
	Fall.	22	22	21	17	7	6	1	3						

* STATISTICAL TABLE.

Districts.	Term.	Teachers.	No. of Weeks.	No. of Scholars	Average attendance	Wages of Teachers per month	Visits of S. S. Com.	Visits of Pru. Com.	Visits of Others.	Prudential Committee.
No. 1.	Summer. Fall.	Elia A. White. " "	9 9	49 51	43 45	\$28 28	4 3	1	15 17	Joseph W. Emerson
No. 2.	+ Winter Summer. Fall.	{ Henry O. Hill. Rufus Emerson. Carrie V. Whitney " " " "	10 9 11	45 10 8	40 9 7	{ 40 50 20	5 3 1	1	4 8 3	Daniel Merrill
No. 3.	Winter. Summer.	" " Emma F. Goodhue.	5 9	6 20	6½ 18	20 25	1 2		3 2	Edwin P. Pike
No. 4.	Fall. Summer.	" " Hattie E. Noyes.	10 10	23 25	20 22½	24 28	2 3	1	7 23	John M. Taylor
No. 5.	Winter. Summer.	F. D. Peaslee. S. Lucy Proctor.	16 9	25 18	23 15	32 2740	3 3		26 23	Asbury Rowell
No. 6. Grammar	Winter. Summer.	" " Elia M. Pattee.	10 9	19 25	16 22	30 36	3 4		13 4	E. A. Peabody
Primary	Fall. Winter.	" " " "	9 9	27 23	21 23½	36 35	3 3		7 22	
	Summer.	{ Etta M. George. Ellen L. Kimball. J. Emma Stevens. " " " "	9 10 10 8 8	43 40 35 12 12	33½ 30 27 11½ 11	{ 30 30 30 27 28	6 4 3 3 2		6 11 11 7 5	Washington Kimball
No. 7.	Winter. Summer.	" " M. Emma Pratt.	9 8	40 35	33½ 27	30 30	3 3	1	7	Jacob Huse
No. 8.	Winter. Summer.	Sydney P. Gage. Senie S. Mason.	13 13	15 16	11 9½	28 25	3 3		19	George W. Jones
No. 9.	Winter. Summer.	Nettie R. Jones. Fred W. Stickney.	11 8	17 11	13 10½	25 27	3 3	1	23	
No. 10.	Winter. Summer. Fall.	" " " " Laura J. Goodhue.	13 9 12	12 25 22	11½ 11 20	27 25 25	3 2 3	1 1 1	11 26 24	Robert Chase

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